



**Poverello Center, Inc.
Missoula, MT**

Project Title	Poverello Center, Inc. IDA Program
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Grant Amount	\$59,280
Nonfederal Support	\$119,784
Project Period	September 2004 – September 2009
Highlights	<p>The goal of the Poverello Center IDA Program is to assist 40 homeless families with children in their efforts to secure a first home, acquire post-secondary education, or start a small business. The program will match participant savings for homeownership at a rate of \$2 to \$1, and savings for education or microenterprise at a rate of \$1 to \$1.</p> <p>Through intense local collaboration with numerous nonprofits, banks, title companies, universities, real estate agents and others, the agency will offer a selection of educational programming and client support services to IDA participants.</p>
Target Population	Homeless families with children in Montana, primarily from rural areas and including Native American families. The program will focus on the families served by the Joseph Residence, a homeless family transitional shelter in Missoula, Montana.
Grantee/Collaborative Description	<p>The Poverello Center, Inc., a nonprofit organization, is the area's only homeless shelter and soup kitchen, serving clients three meals per day. The Poverello Center also operates the Joseph Residence, a family transitional housing facility, which currently serves 9 families with children. Poverello is building a new facility that will expand to serve 16 families in eight duplex apartments and a large community center designed for educational programming. This population is largely from rural areas and includes Native American families.</p> <p>Local partners include the Women's Opportunity Resource Development, Inc. and its affiliates; the University of Montana's Career Services Department; and the Small Business Development Center. The Center will work with Sterling Savings Bank as the financial institution partner.</p>